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**for**

Mr. Harold A. Budreau

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AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS TO BE ACTED  
UPON FEBRUARY 16, 1944

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SECT. 8. Bills for annual dues shall be sent with the notice of the Annual Conclave ~~in September~~ of each year and ~~beginning with September 1916~~, shall be payable in advance. The fiscal year shall commence with September 1, and end with August 31 of the succeeding year. Newly admitted members shall pay a proportionate part of the annual dues from the date of signing the By-Laws until the next Annual Conclave.

Any member whose bill for dues, or assessments, is not paid on or before the first day of the following January shall be deemed a delinquent under the By-Laws, and may, by direction of the Standing Committee on Finance, be proceeded against for non-payment of dues in the manner prescribed by the Grand Constitution.

Very, R. E.

Assets

HAROLD A. COOK, RECORDER  
ROOM 601  
51 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON 16, MASS.  
RES. TEL. OCEAN 2336

Dear Bob:-

I should like to have Article ~~IX~~, Section 8, of the By-Laws, concerning dues changed to read as follows:-

Sect. 8. Bills for annual dues shall be sent with the notice ~~of~~ the annual conclave of each year and beginning with September 1916, shall be payable in advance. The fiscal year shall commence with September 1, and end with August 31 of the succeeding year. Newly admitted members shall be rendered due bills immediately after signing the By-Laws, and those admitted prior to the stated conclave in February shall be billed for a full years dues. Those admitted after this date shall be billed for one half year dues.

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It shall be the duty of the Recorder to render due bills to delinquent members in January, April and June of each year.

Bob, the ~~black~~ underline is change or new. The last para. is of course new. The red underline, in my opinion could be stricken out.

As ever,

R. E.

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### ACTION ON BY-LAWS

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE appointed to codify and report on appropriate and present By-Laws of Boston Commandery, has made its report. Copy of By-Laws is enclosed with this notice; Sir Knights are cautioned to preserve same to avoid further printing expense. Vote will be taken at this Conclave to accept the report and adopt the recommendations of the Committee

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UPON DECEMBER 15, 1943

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ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6:—The Treasurer shall demand and collect all the funds from the Recorder at each Conclave, give his receipt for the same, pay all demands against the Commandery, when duly approved by the Standing Committee on Finance, and keep a correct account of all receipts and disbursements. All cheques drawn by the Treasurer shall require the counter signature of at least one member of the Standing Committee on Finance.

SECOND:—Amend Article VI “By striking out the word *three* in the first paragraph of said section, and inserting in place thereof the word *two*”.

THIRD:—Amend Article VI “By inserting after the word *Mason* in said section the clause:—“Or that he has petitioned a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Capitular Degrees”. As amended Article VI will read:—Every candidate for the Orders shall make application in writing, stating his age, residence and occupation, enclosing the fee of seventy-five dollars, and accompanied by certificate from *two* Royal Arch Masons, certifying that he has regularly received the degree of Royal Arch Mason, *or that he has petitioned a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Capitular Degrees*.

FOURTH:—Further amend Article XI, Section 4, as earlier amended, by inserting in paragraph 4 after the words “without extra charge” in said Section, the words “and on paper of the same size and quality as the original”. As amended Article XI, Section 4, paragraph 4, should read:—The Recorder incident to his duties, shall prepare and make available for the Commandery, without extra charge, and on paper of the same size and quality as the original, a duplicate or carbon copy of any and all minutes, records and reports prepared by him; so also shall the Treasurer, and the Trustees of each Fund, and the Chairman of any and all Committees, prepare and make available for the Commandery, without extra charge, a duplicate or carbon copy of any and all records and reports which they or any of them shall submit at any time for the approval of the Commandery.

FIFTH:—Further amend Article VI, paragraph 1, by striking out the words “seventy-five dollars” and inserting in place thereof the words “fifty dollars”. As amended Article VI, paragraph 1, will read:—Every candidate for the orders shall make application in writing, stating his age, residence and occupation, enclosing the fee of *fifty dollars*, and accompanied by a certificate from two Royal Arch Masons, certifying that he has regularly received the degree of Royal Arch Mason or that he has petitioned a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Capitular Degrees, and is of good moral character and respectability.

SIXTH:—Amend Article XI, Section 1, by striking out the words “seventy-five dollars” and inserting in place thereof the words “fifty dollars”; also by adding to the sentence in said section the words “with any application filed on or after November 15th, 1943”. As amended Article XI, Section 1, will read:—The fee for the Orders conferred in Boston Commandery shall be *fifty dollars, with any application filed on or after November 15, 1943*. Every Candidate shall obtain at his own expense, before being knighted, a full regalia of Boston Commandery as described in Article XII, paragraph 2 under the heading “Regalia”, in these by-laws.

SEVENTH:—Amend Article XI, Section 3, by striking out the words “twenty-five dollars” and inserting in place thereof the words “ten dollars”. As amended Article XI, Section 3, will read:—The fee for membership for a Knight Templar shall be *ten dollars*. No application for membership shall be received from any Knight Templar except he is in good standing as such. In the case of former membership in this Commandery, which has been forfeited the full amount of dues owing the Commandery by him at the time of the forfeiture, in addition to the regular fee of *ten dollars*, shall accompany the application.

EIGHTH:—Amend Article XI, Section 8, by inserting at the end of the second paragraph in said Section 8, the following sentence, “any member whose dues or assessments are three years in arrears *shall* be proceeded against for non-payment of dues, or his dues shall be remitted in accordance with Article XI, Section 6”. As amended Article XI, Section 8, second paragraph will read:—Any member whose dues or assessments are not paid on or before the first day of January next succeeding their maturity, shall be deemed a delinquent under the By-Laws, and may, by the direction of the Standing Committee on Finance, be proceeded against for non-payment of dues in the manner prescribed by the Grand Constitution. The notice therein provided for shall be served upon the delinquent Sir Knight at least two months before action shall be taken upon his suspension or expulsion, either by giving such notice to him in hand, or by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode, or by mailing the same to his last known address, postage prepaid. *Any member whose dues or assessments are three years in arrears shall be proceeded against for non-payment of dues, or his dues shall be remitted in accordance with Article XI, Section 6.*



*Boston Commandery, K. E.*  
*Boston, Massachusetts*

JESSE E. AMES, RECORDER  
403 MASONIC TEMPLE  
BOSTON, MASS.  
TELEPHONE LIBERTY 3722

Boston, Mass.,  
December 10, 1940

Dear and Eminent Sir:-

In explanation of the bill, herewith enclosed, the following Ruling recently received from the Grand Commandery is quoted:

FROM THE RT. EM. GRAND COMMANDER:

Article XX - Sec. 2 of the Grand Constitution, reads in part as follows:-

"Life Membership, or exemption from the payment of dues, shall not be given as a favor, as a compliment, or for services rendered to the Order, or for any fact or reason other than the payment in cash of a fixed sum of money, lawfully established by by-law, which must apply alike to all members."

Article XX - Sec. 6 of the Grand Constitution, reads as follows:-

"The election by a Commandery of one of its own members to Honorary Membership, shall not exempt him from the payment of Annual Dues and Assessments."

RULING:

"Now, my ruling in accordance with our Grand Constitution is, that no Commandery shall continue to exempt from dues any member of their Commandery. If they desire to remit dues, that is another thing, and they may do so, if they care to.

Regardless of what has transpired in the past, this ruling is in force today, and applies to every member of your Commandery, who is not a paid-up Life Member, and you cannot create a Life Member by vote; only through his payment of a sum, as fixed by Templar Law."

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In reply to this ruling, our Commander has ordered that dues for the current year be charged to those who are affected in this Commandery, thereby, and that bills be sent to them. Also, a communication has been forwarded to the Rt. Eminent Grand Commander, acknowledging the receipt of his ruling, and assuring him that it would be implicitly followed. That these charges had been ordered to take, and would take the same course as all other charges for dues, and would be paid, or remitted, or subject to suspension - as all of them are.

Courteously yours,

Recorder.



Boston, Massachusetts,

January 28, 1943

Hon. Sir Harold S. Crocker  
Grand Senior Warden  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templars  
Massachusetts and Rhode Island  
77 Highland Terrace, Brockton, Mass.

Dear and Eminent Sir:-

Our Eminent Commander asks me to write to you concerning your last paragraph in your letter to him of January 20.

Answering your question- no amendments have been made in the by-laws of Boston Commandery since the adoption of the re-written Code of 1938.

Regarding Article III-Section 1- This re-written Code of 1938, was simply a gathering of all the amendments and placing them in the body of the by-law affected, eliminating the portion of the by-law made obsolete by the amendment. A paragraph explaining this preceded the enumeration of the by-laws in the printed copy.

Our Prelate had been elected, always from our beginning in 1802, and there was in our Commandery a sentiment that it be continued. The main reason was, besides the sentiment, that the Office of Prelate was an important one- he was really a working part, and a prominent one in our work, and outranked several elective officers.

At first our Grand Commandery asked us to change our by-laws, just as you have said in your letter. Afterward they communicated with us and told us that we could retain this if we wished to do so. The Grand Encampment tells us the Prelate may be either elected or appointed, leaving it to the Grand Commandery to determine- see-1940 Proceedings-Grand Encampment.

As I recall it, our Grand Commander or our Grand Commandery Committee on by-laws- (I think Em. Sir Grabill was Chairman at the time) decided that it was not inconsistent for the Commandery to elect their Prelate, although not required or directed to be so done by the Grand Commandery, but that if the matter were reversed, and the Commandery appointed their Prelate, and the Grand Commandery provided that he should be elected, that it must be adhered to. Note the addition- a clause to be added in the same Article- "except where there is a constitutional right to succession."

This will be presented to the Commandery later- and is duly recorded for action later-

With kind regards

Courteously yours,

Recorder



Boston, Mass.,

March 17th, 1943.

To the Eminent Commander  
Officers and Sir Knights of Boston Commandery.

Greetings:-

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully submit this report.

We have carefully considered the amendments proposed by Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., on January 20th, 1943 and find that they are in the proper form. It is the opinion of the Committee that the proposed changes and additions are in the best interest of our Commandery and we are in unanimous agreement that they should be approved. The changes and additions have been submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee of Grand Commandery and we have their assurance that there is no conflict either with the Statutes of Grand Commandery or the Grand Encampment. As a matter of record the changes are incorporated as a part of this report:-

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We recommend that these changes and additions be adopted.

Courteously Yours

Sir Kt. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Harold A. Budreau*  
Chairman



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We recommend that these changes and additions be adopted.

Courteously Yours

SIR KT. ROWLAND D. CROOK

SIR KT. HERMAN L. KLEIN

EM. SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU, *Chairman*



# Boston Commandery, K. T.

Boston, Massachusetts

JESSE E. AMES, RECORDER  
403 MASONIC TEMPLE  
BOSTON 16, MASS.  
TELEPHONE LIBERTY 1147

Boston, Massachusetts,  
October 8, 1943

Mr. James S.W. Rogers  
of Coffin & Burr-Inc.  
60 State Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Eminent Commander;-

I have a line from Budreau saying he is not prepared to report on the by-law changes at our next Conclave. All reference to them is therefore omitted from our next notice, but as our by-laws explicitly say concerning this Committee-"Who shall report thereon at the next Conclave" the matter should be mentioned by the Em. Commander and a motion made to grant the Committee further time.

Those propositions of Gardiner's will have to be rewritten and will have to be acted upon according to the provisions of our by-laws. The amendment proposed for the change in the Permanent Fund income should of course be separated from the rest, as this has to be borne on our notices for three succeeding Conclaves after it is presented by the Committee, and then adopted by four-fifths of all the members present.

Both this proposition and the others and in fact all propositions for amendments to the by-laws of Boston Commandery, require a specified vote in favor of the amendment of two thirds in most cases and four fifths in other cases of ALL THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

There is no negative vote called for- if the affirmative vote is not at least two thirds in those so stating or at least four fifths in those so stating-the amendment is not carried and no negative vote called for has any effect in changing the result of the affirmative vote.

Therefore -in all cases of voting on the by-laws in Boston Commandery the house must be polled before any vote is taken. Your procedure on the other lot of amendments was not passed in accord with your by-laws at all.

Yours  
*Jesse E. Ames*



November 6, 1945

Robert G. Wilson, Esquire  
20 Beacon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Gardner:

I am enclosing copy of the Amendments which you presented at the September meeting. Will you please check them over and see if they are in the proper legal form.

As I interpret Article XVI of our By Laws, it will be necessary to carry the fifth and sixth amendments on our notification for three consecutive meetings before voting for or against adoption.

Please, after reading, mail to Sir Knight Herman L. Klein for his perusal. I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

Respectfully yours,

RGW:ca

cc: Herman L. Klein, Esquire  
101 Tremont Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Herman:

When you receive copy from Gardner, please look over and mail to Rowland Crook in the self-addressed envelope which I am enclosing. We will get together before our meeting on November 17 to consider these amendments and sign the petitions, if they meet with the approval of you and Rolly.

cc: Mr. Rowland W. Crook  
66 Huntington Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Rolly:

I am sending you copy of these Amendments so you will have opportunity to look them over before we get together. When you get the copy from Herman just hold it until November 17.



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Boston, Mass.

November 17th, 1943.

To the Eminent Commander  
Officers and Sir Knights of Boston Commandery.

Greetings:-

□□□ Your By-Law Committee respectfully submit this report.

The changes suggested by Em. Sir Robert G. Wilson at our September Conclave have been carefully checked. We find them to be in the proper form and recommend their adoption. As a matter of record the changes are incorporated as a part of this report.

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These changes are all in conformity with the Grand Statutes and in the best interests of our Commandery.

Courteously yours

Sir Kt.

Powland S. Crook

Sir Kt.

Herman L. Klein

Km. Sir

Harold A. Bureau

Chairman



Dear Harold

Jerre returned the  
whole thing as is. Perhaps his  
letter is self-explanatory to you  
but not quite to me. Last night  
Howard Gray, of the B.C. Bylaw  
Committee called me and said  
he had read a copy of Jerre's letter  
to me and thought that if he  
talked personally to me. I might  
understand it better.

Look over his memoirs and  
then contact him.

Jim.



*Boston Commandery, R. E.*  
*Boston, Massachusetts*

JESSE E. AMES, RECORDER  
403 MASONIC TEMPLE  
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Boston, Massachusetts,  
November 23, 1943

Mr. Harold A. Budreau  
515 Old South Bldg.  
Boston, Mass.

Dear and Eminent Sir Budreau:-

Enclosed please find copy of the proposed changes in the By-laws, as presented by Em. Sir Gardiner Wilson at the Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery of November 17th. Your Committee were assigned to these changes as well as those you have previously reported upon.

The Conclave of the Commandery next month comes early- 15th. The Notices are mailed on the 7th. and will contain an insert with the text of your report printed thereon.

Thinking to avoid any confusion of the members-I suggested to you, that those proposed amendments which require to be borne upon the notice for three successive months and require a four fifths vote of all the members present in the affirmative, might be printed separately and then when the same amendments came up for discussion and action, there would not be any explaining necessary.

What do you prefer about this- Not hearing from you they will be printed as one continuous document-on one insert-

Courteously yours,

  
Recorder

P.S. Of course I do not need to say that this new lot, if reported upon in time to be included in our Notice could also be acted upon at the coming Conclave also.



November 27, 1943.

Mr. Jesse Ames,  
403 Masonic Temple,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Jesse:

I have just talked to Harold Budreau on the telephone, and he is going to have the latest Amendments down to you December 2nd. If by any chance you are going to be out of town on that date, my suggestion is that you drop Harold a line and ask him if he will send it direct to the printer, Walter Smith.

Harold made a suggestion that these Amendments be printed on two separate inserts, and the inserts to be printed on one side, and of such a width, that they could be cut and pasted in the By-law book by the members that wanted to keep the By-law books up-to-date.

My suggestion is that you send Walter Smith a By-law book, so he can follow it and can see what the overall width of this insert should be. In my judgment, the length does not matter, because it can be folded back, but the inserts should be clearly headed. One insert to be headed-

"By-laws to be acted upon at the December 1943 Conclave,"

and the other insert to  
be headed-

"By-laws to be acted upon at the February 1944 Conclave."

He further made a suggestion that we print enough inserts for three months on those that were going to be used on the February Conclave. I think this is an excellent suggestion.

You should have enough extras printed on both the insert for the December Conclave, as well as the insert for the February Conclave, so that you will have one for each of the old By-law books you have in your office. Approximately, how many of these do you have?

Walter is holding up the setting of the By-law changes until he hears from you, in regard as to how you want them grouped and the size of the By-law book.

Walter mentioned he was also sending back your letters in regard to address changes, and I would appreciate it, if you would give me this list with the proper addresses at your earliest convenience, of all the members where you wanted new plates made, and I would appreciate it if you would mark those that were life members, so that you could put a Code on the plate.

I asked Walter if he would run the Addressograph list just as it was, and send it to your Office, and you, Jim and myself will check this list, plus the new plates which you advised me to have made, and this should check with our total membership list of 795, minus the mental cases which we do not send notices to, minus whatever number of unknown members we have.

Please let me hear from you when these envelopes are received by you from Walter Smith and we will get together.

Fraternally yours,

CC. James Rogers  
Walter Smith  
H. Budreau



Em. Sir Howard A. Gray,  
Chairman Jurisprudence Committee,  
Grand Indy. Mass. & R.I.

Dear Em. Sir: -

I am attaching hereto transcript  
of amendments to our By-Laws which  
were adopted at convocation of Boston Indy.  
on Dec. 15, 1943. There are the changes  
that were read by the presiding officer.  
They were acted upon separately and  
adopted by unanimous vote.



# Boston Commandery, K. T.

Boston, Massachusetts

JESSE E. AMES, RECORDER  
403 MASONIC TEMPLE  
BOSTON 16, MASS.  
TELEPHONE LIBERTY 1147

Boston, Massachusetts,  
Nov. 30, 1943

Mr. Frank B. Ellis  
114 Federal Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Frank;-

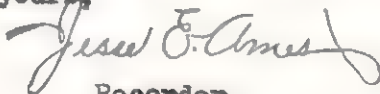
I have your letter about the insert for the printer. The list of Address changes was mailed to you this morning. I will send down to Walter A. Smith Co. a page showing the size of our printed by-law books. We have quite a quantity of them on hand-Some stored away- Probably 300 of them.

When Budreau has his matter ready for the printer he can send it down as you suggest. You two, can give to the printer all the details-just as you want it-

I have been 95% sick this week with a bad cold- I shall be at St. Andrews Chapter to-morrow evening if I can get there- not at all sure of it- Strictly on the bum to-day.

Then there is the day I should be in Maine- will not take ~~take~~ the chance until I feel better than I do to-day, but if I go I shall not be here on Dec.2 as I told you awhile ago. That is the day I would be getting there. Anyway count me out for Dec.2-because if I dont go I will be laid up at home.

Courteously yours,



Recorder

# Boston Commandery, K. T.

Boston, Massachusetts

JESSE E. AMES, RECORDER  
403 MASONIC TEMPLE  
BOSTON 16, MASS.  
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Boston, Massachusetts,  
December 1st, 1943

Mr. Harold A. Budreau  
515 Old South Building  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Eminent Sir:-

The copy of your report on By-laws is in the hands of Walter A. Smith Co. Printers, and such revision in the arrangement of it as you may wish, can be made with Sir Ellis who is looking after it, and I believe intends to communicate with you. If your later report is ready, or will be ready in a few days, it could be also included on the same, or a separate insert, as you wish. I took down a copy of the last propositions to Smith, but he said he had better get the official report to use, as there might be changes from the original text.

Will you kindly suggest a Committee of three to serve on your Candidate- Companion Herbert L. Budreau. The application states that he is a Member of St. Pauls R.A. Chapter- He is scheduled to receive the Royal Arch in that Chapter on Dec. 21st. so that no ballot can be had in the Commandery on this until our January Conclave.

The Recorder will be away Thursday and Friday-that is- if a mean cold-which is some better to-day, continues to subside.

Courteously,

  
Recorder



*Copy of Doc Wilson's  
material returned with this  
letter. HMB*

December 2nd, 1943.

Jesse E. Ames, Esq.,  
403 Masonic Temple,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir and Frater:

Answering your letter of November 23rd.

The By-Law Committee have considered the changes and I enclose copy of our report. Inasmuch as these amendments were read in open Commandery last meeting, they can be voted upon at our December 15th Conclave. Your suggestion that those changes which must be carried on notices for three successive meetings be printed separately is a good one, and I would also suggest that you have the printer prepare a sufficient supply of these inserts for the three notices, so that one printing will suffice. Also it would be well to have these inserts printed on the same size type and the same width paper as our present By-Laws. Unless you think of a better way, I suggest heading these inserts in the following manner:-

- (1) Amendments to By-Laws to be acted upon at Conclave Dec. 15, 1943.
- (2) Amendments to By-Laws to be acted upon at Conclave Feb. 16, 1944.

Cordially.

*P.S. Your letter Dec. 1st.  
Walter Smith has all the info. and  
inserts have been printed as suggested above.  
Re: application Bro. Herbert. Really do  
not know who suggest and prefer not to. There  
are a number of Boston Comdy. Members in this  
harm. HMB 12/6/43*

Boston, Massachusetts,  
December 2nd. 1943

To the Eminent Commander,  
Officers and Sir Knights  
of Boston Commandery.

Greetings;-

Your by-laws Committee respectfully submit the following reports.

We have carefully checked the changes suggested by Em. Sir Robert G. Wilson at our last Conclave, and find them to be in the proper form. Insofar as we can determine there is no conflict, either with the Statutes of Grand Commandery or the Grand Encampment.

Inasmuch as these changes have been read in open Commandery, as stipulated in the by-laws, they have been printed as an insert, which has been enclosed with our regular notice of this day-December 15th, 1943, to be acted upon in the manner prescribed.

First;- Further amend Article XI, Section 4, as earlier amended, by inserting in paragraph 4, after the words "without extra charge" in said Section, the words "and on paper of the same size and quality as the original"

As amended-Article XI, Section 4, paragraph 4 should read;- The Recorder incident to his duties, shall prepare and make available for the Commandery, without extra charge, and on paper of the same size and quality as the original, a duplicate, or carbon copy of any and all minutes, records and reports prepared by him; so also shall the Treasurer, and the Trustees of each Fund and the Chairman of any and all Committees, prepare and make available for the Commandery, without extra charge, a duplicate or carbon copy of any and all records and reports which they or any of them shall submit at any time for the approval of the Commandery.

Second ;-

Further amend Article VI, Paragraph 1, by striking out the words "seventy-five dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words "fifty dollars"

As amended Article VI, Paragraph 1. will read;-

Every candidate for the Orders shall make application in writing, stating his age, residence and occupation, enclosing the fee of fifty dollars, and accompanied by a certificate from two Royal Arch Masons, certifying that he has regularly received the degree of Royal Arch Mason, or that he has petitioned a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Capitular Degrees, and is of good moral character and respectability.

Third;-

Amend Article XI, Section 1, by striking out the words "seventy-five dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words "fifty dollars"; also by adding to the first sentence in said Section the words, "with any application filed on or after November 15, 1943."

As amended Article XI, Section 1, will read;- The fee for the Orders conferred in Boston Commandery shall be fifty dollars, with any application filed on or after November 15, 1943

Every candidate shall obtain at his own expense, before being Knighted, a full regalia of Boston Commandery, as described in Article XII, Paragraph 2, under the heading "Regalia" in these by-laws.



Fourth;- Amend Article XI,Section 3,by striking out the words "twenty-five dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words "ten dollars"

As amended Article XI,Section 3,will read;- The fee for membership for a Knight Templar shall be ten dollars. No application for membership shall be received from any Knight Templar,except he is in good standing as such. In the case of former membership in this Commandery,which has been forfeited,the full amount of dues owing the Commandery by him,at the time of the forfeiture,in addition to the regular fee of ten dollars,shall accompany the application

Fifth

(this Amendment was laid over for later action)

Courteously yours,

Signed

Herman L. Klein  
Rowland S. Crook  
Harold A. Budreau -Chairman

Boston, Mass.

December 2nd, 1943.

To the Eminent Commander  
Officers and Sir Knights of Boston Commandery.

Greetings:-

Your By-Law Committee respectfully submit the following report.

We have carefully checked the changes suggested by Em. Sir Robert G. Wilson at our last Conclave, and find them to be in the proper form. Insofar as we can determine there is no conflict either with the Statutes of Grand Commandery or the Grand Encampment.

Inasmuch as these changes have been read in open Commandery as stipulated in the By-Laws, they have been printed as an insert, which have been enclosed with our regular notice of this day December 15th, 1943, to be acted upon in the manner prescribed.

First:- Further amend Article XI, Section 4, as earlier amended, by inserting in paragraph 4<sup>after</sup> the words "without extra charge" in said Section, the words "and on paper of the same size and quality as the original". As amended Article XI, Section 4 paragraph 4, should read:- The Recorder incident to his duties, shall prepare and make available for the Commandery, without extra charge, and on paper of the same size and quality as the original, a duplicate or carbon copy of any and all minutes, records and reports prepared by him; so also shall the Treasurer, and the Trustees of each Fund, and the Chairman of any and all Committees, prepare and make available for the Commandery, without extra charge, a duplicate or carbon copy of any and all records and reports which they or any of them shall submit at any time for the approval of the Commandery.

Second:- Further amend Article VI paragraph 1 by striking out the words "seventy-five dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words "fifty dollars". As amended Article VI paragraph 1 will read:- Every candidate for the orders shall make application in writing, stating his age, residence and occupation, enclosing the fee of fifty dollars, and accompanied by a certificate from two Royal Arch Masons, certifying that he has regularly received the degree of Royal Arch Mason or that he has petitioned a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Capitular Degrees, and is of good moral character and respectability.

Third:- Amend Article XI, Section 1 by striking out the words "seventy-five dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words "fifty dollars"; also by adding to the first sentence in said section the words "with any application filed on or after November 15th, 1943". As amended Article XI, Section 1 will read:- The fee for the Orders conferred in Boston Commandery shall be fifty dollars, with any application filed on or after November 15th, 1943. Every Candidate shall obtain at his own expense, before being knighted, a full regalia of Boston Commandery as described in Article XII, paragraph 2 under the heading "Regalia", in these by-laws.

Fourth:- Amend Article XI, Section 3, by striking out the words "twenty-five dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words "ten dollars". As amended Article XI, Section 3 will read:- The fee for membership for a Knight Templar shall be ten dollars. No application for membership shall be received from any Knight Templar except he is in good standing as such. In the case of former membership in this Commandery, which has been forfeited the full amount of dues owing the Commandery by him at the time of the forfeiture, in addition to the regular fee of ten dollars, shall accompany the application.



Fifth:- Amend Article XI, Section 8, by inserting at the end of the second paragraph in said Section 8, the following sentence, "any member whose dues or assessments are three years in arrears shall be proceeded against for non-payment of dues, or his dues shall be remitted in accordance with Article XI, Section 6". As amended Article XI, Section 8, second paragraph will read:- Any member whose dues or assessments are not paid on or before the first day of January next succeeding their maturity, shall be deemed a delinquent under the By-Laws, and may, by the direction of the Standing Committee on Finance, be proceeded against for non-payment of dues in the manner prescribed by the Grand Constitution. The notice therein provided for shall be served upon the delinquent Sir Knight at least two months before action shall be taken upon his suspension or expulsion, either by giving such notice to him in hand, or by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode, or by mailing the same to his last known address, postage prepaid. Any member whose dues or assessments are three years in arrears shall be proceeded against for non-payment of dues, or his dues shall be remitted in accordance with Article XI, Section 6.

Courteously yours,

Sir Kt. \_\_\_\_\_

Sir Kt. \_\_\_\_\_

Em. Sir \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Dec. 8, 1943.

James S. W. Rogers, Esq.,  
166 Curtis Street,  
W. Somerville, Mass.

Dear James:-

It will be impossible for me to attend our meeting on Dec. 15th, and Herman Klein will make report for our By-Laws Committee. As you know all of the changes have been printed and will be mailed to all of our members with their regular notice. The changes to be acted upon next Wednesday are for the most part routine. Some of them are made at the request of Grand Commandery and others are made to put Boston Commandery on the same basis as other Commanderies regarding initiation and membership fees.

If there is no objection to these changes, I see no reason why they cannot be adopted as printed in the notice, by voting for them as a whole. There is nothing in our By-laws to prohibit such action, and it will save a lot of time.

Cordially yours,



December 14, 1943.

Dear Jim:

I regret that I must be out of town on the evening of December 15, although I had hoped to be present to answer any questions relating to the 8 By-law amendments.

All but 5 and 6, 7 and 8 however, are self explanatory. Numbers 5 and 6 relate to the advisability of reducing our entrance fee from \$75 to \$50 to be more nearly in line with prevailing rates in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and especially in Metropolitan Boston. Disregarding St. Bernard Commandery which has fees wholly out of line, the figures are as follows:

Of 50 Commanderies 5 now charge \$75; 5 charge \$60; 1 charges \$55; 21 charge \$50, and 18 charge \$40,- making an average of \$51.

Of the 17 Metropolitan Boston Commanderies, 3 charge \$75 (viz, Boston, DeMolay and St.Omer); 4 charge \$50; 1 charges \$60; 1 charges \$55; and 8 charge \$40,- making the average \$53 minus.

The 7th proposed amendment concerns the fee for affiliation. Statistics show that the average for 50 Commanderies is \$10 minus. For 17 Metropolitan Boston Commanderies the average is \$10.

The 8th proposed amendment concerns action on delinquents. Figures show that Boston Commandery as of December 1942 had by far the largest amount of unpaid dues in arrears. We have a large membership that is synthetic as a matter of fact. Present By-laws say that action may be taken as to members one year in arrears. The proposed amendment provides that action shall be taken on dues three years in arrears. At that time the Commandery should either recognize that the member is financially unable to pay and remit his dues; or else decide that he should be suspended because he shows no desire to pay. That at least would save the annual per capita tax, as well as printing and postage.

Fraternally,

P.G. Wilson

Boston, Massachusetts,  
Dec. 17, 1943

Rt. Em. William O. Tuckerman  
Grand Recorder of the  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of  
Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Dear and Rt. Em. Sir:-

The attached printed propositions for Amendments to the by-laws of Boston Commandery, K.T. were declared carried at the Stated Conclave of the Commandery, on Dec. 15, 1943. They will be transcribed in our By-laws and later will be presented to you for Seal of the Grand Commandery, if approved by them.

There was an eighth Amendment which was the subject of discussion and amendments to it were offered. The Chair ruled in view of these changes that this eighth amendment would be laid over and be borne upon the notice of action thereon.

A copy of the "Laid-over" eighth amendment is attached to this printing of the other seven. Those declared carried-Nos- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 were unchanged, and approval is asked for from the Grand Commandery, at this time.

Courteously yours.



# Boston Commandery, K. T.

Boston, Massachusetts

JESSE E. AMES, RECORDER  
403 MASONIC TEMPLE  
BOSTON 16, MASS.  
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Boston, Massachusetts,  
December 21, 1943

Mr. Frank B. Ellis  
Generalissimo,  
114 Federal Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Frank;-

The amendments the Commandery voted on last Wednesday, were duly presented to the Grand Commandery for approval. These are numbered-1-2-3-4 in the report of the Committee, which was read and adopted, and declared to be so voted. The 5th paragraph was laid over-with an amendment to it-offered by Em. Sir Page- He should of course have presented the amendment in writing, and will you please have him send it in for our record. This 5th. paragraph including the proposed amendment will need to be borne on our next notice for action by the Commandery, and as the amendment Page made to it has not been passed by the by-laws Committee-they will need to report on that.

You unthinkingly, of bourse, picked up the printed insert and used it in your conduct of voting on these amendments.

You will find that the Committee made some change in the report they made, and that they grouped what was eight propositions on the printed insert, into five propositions in their report-their report of course should have been the document to be balloted on. Fortunately, the last proposition, numbered 5 in their report is identical with the number 8 in the insert. So that four of the propositions were acted upon and comprised the seven propositions on the insert, though differently arranged.

The Grand Commandery will consider the Committee report only, and from them you will get an approval, I presume, of those four paragraphs. The excess printing you had done before you had the Committee Report in hand, cannot be used as inserts for the by-laws we have already in print. Courteously,

Recorder

*Jesse E. Ames*

*Boston Commandery, K. E.  
Boston, Massachusetts*

JESSE E. AMES, RECORDER  
403 MASONIC TEMPLE  
BOSTON, MASS.  
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Boston, Massachusetts,  
January 12, 1944

Mr James W. S. Rogers  
of Coffin & Burr-Inc.  
60 State Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear and Eminent Commander;-

I enclose herewith the papers returned to this office to-day by the Grand Recorder. He reports to me that the Report of the Committee on By-laws for Boston Commandery-copy of which is included in these papers returned-in rewriting the two lots of amendments did not make the necessary transcripts of all the provisions and that their report is conflicting. Eminent Sir Howard A. Gray is Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Commandery, and our Committee who wrote these consolidated amendments can confer with him, and make a revised report to Boston Commandery, after having done so, and it can go through the usual course.

You will note the memo. which was called to my attention by the Grand Recorder, and which I infer was written by Em. Sir Gray, or by the Grand Recorder, calling attention to the trouble.

As the matter now stands-the report of the Committee (our Committee) as signed by them-and attached to these papers- and accepted by our Commandery- is not passed. The printed insert does contain the entire detail, and if the insert had been the Committee report, the conflict would have been not there-but we passed the report of the Committee.

Anyway it is a matter for our Committee to see Em. Sir Gray about and have it corrected.

Courteously

  
Recorder



Copy to Em. Sir Harold A. Budreau.

**Boston Commandery, R. T.**  
**Boston, Massachusetts**

WILLIAM M. CALL, TREASURER  
67 CHAUNCEY STREET  
BOSTON, MASS.  
TELEPHONE LIBERTY 8274

January 30 1944

Eminent Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

Eminent Sir and Dear Robert:-

In order to comply with the proposed new By-law relating to income only of the Permanent and Charity Funds and the requirement of three signatures of Trustees, what method do the By-law Committee recommend?

At present the income from the various funds are received as follows: Savings Banks have on file a permanent dividend order signed by all of the Trustees at the time the order was filed. Checks are made payable to Boston Commandery Knights Templar sent to the Treasurer and are deposited in Second National Bank, Boston to the account of the Commandery. Bank, Industrial Stocks and U.S. Treasury Bonds mail checks for dividends or interest to the Treasurer payable as above and are likewise deposited. Bonds, The coupons are deposited with the Second National Bank and when collected are credited to the Commandery account.

To avoid Bank service charges income from the various funds (there are seven all told) are deposited in one account but are separately recorded in the Treasurer's Books. All checks drawn on account of Boston Commandery R.T. require the signatures of the Treasurer and one member of the Standing Committee on Finance.

Fraternally yours

*William M. Call*  
Treas.

Boston Commandery, K. T.  
Boston, Massachusetts

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GRAND COMMANDERY K. T.  
MASS. & R. I.

HAROLD A. BUDREAU, RECORDER  
ROOM 601  
51 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON 16, MASS.  
RES. TEL. OCEAN 2336

March 28, 1946

William O. Tuckerman, Esq.  
Grand Recorder  
Grand Commandery K. T.  
51 Boylston Street  
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Dear Right Eminent Sir:

At the Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery Wednesday,  
March 20, 1946, the following Amendment to our By-Laws was unanimous-  
ly adopted:

"Moved to amend Article VIII Section 2  
of the By-Laws of Boston Commandery by  
adding at the end of said section the  
following: All moneys received for Life  
Memberships shall be placed in a separate  
fund to be known as the Permanent Fund of  
Boston Commandery—Life Membership  
Division, said Life Membership Division to  
consist of Ten Thousand Dollars in U. S.  
Government bonds now a part of the  
Permanent Fund, plus all moneys received  
for life memberships following adoption  
of this amendment."

I am sending you this letter in triplicate and will  
appreciate Grand Commandery approval.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

*Harold A. Budreau*  
Recorder

*Approved*  
*Will Sherr Chairman*  
*for Committee on Jurisprudence*

*Approved. 4/17-46*  
*Grand Commandery K. T.*  
*Moss & R. I.*  
*William O. Tuckerman*  
*to Recorder*



MAY 21 1945.

**Boston Commandery, K. E.**

**Boston, Massachusetts**

HAROLD A. BUDREAU, RECORDER  
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The following amendments to the By-Laws of Boston Commandery were adopted on April 18, 1945.

Amend Article 11. Section 2. by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 2. The Annual Conclave shall be held at the Stated Conclave in September, but the first eight officers shall be elected annually at the Stated Conclave in June of each year.

Amend Article 111. Section 1. by inserting after the word "annually" the words "in June of each year"; so that said section as amended shall read:

Section 1. The first eight officers shall be elected annually in June of each year by written or printed ballots; the others shall be appointed by the Eminent Commander immediately after his installation.

Approved with the insertion  
in each section after the words  
"the first eight officers" the  
following words: "with the  
exception of the Prelate"

Howard A. May  
Ch. Jurisprudence Com.

5-21-45

*Copy to  
Grand Commandery 115 West 11th St.  
5-21-45  
William D. Jackson  
Grand Recorder*



*The Grand Commandery of  
Knights Templars*

ORGANIZED 1805

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF

*Massachusetts and Rhode Island*

WILLIAM O. TUCKERMAN, P.G.C.

Em. Grand Recorder

205 MASONIC TEMPLE

BOSTON 16, MASSACHUSETTS

May 25, 1945

Em. Sir Harold A. Budreau, Recorder  
Boston Commandery K.T., No. 2  
51 Boylston Street  
Boston 16, Mass.

Eminent and Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find approved copy of amendments to the  
by-laws of Boston Commandery and I would call your attention  
to the notation on same.

With kind regards, I am

Courteously yours,

*William O. Tuckerman*

William O. Tuckerman  
Grand Recorder



*By Laws*

February 14, 1946

Dear Sir Knight Klein:

Your Chairman presented the following Amendment to our By-Laws at our meeting on January 16, 1946:

"Moved to amend Article 11, Section 1 of the By-Laws of Boston Commandery by adding at the end of said Section:

That the Stated Conclave for the month of October Nineteen Hundred and Forty-six shall be held on the fourth Tuesday, October 22, 1946, instead of third Wednesday. This Amendment is effective for the year 1946 only."

This change of meeting is necessitated by a desire of Grand Commandery to hold their Annual Conclave on the day our Regular Conclave for October is scheduled. Our Commander wishes to cooperate by giving up our meeting night, and a change in the By-Laws is the only way that this can be done.

Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will report favorably at our meeting on February 20th.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

Recorder

Copy: Sir Knight Rowland D. Crook



Boston Commandery, K. T.  
Boston, Massachusetts

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GRAND COMMANDERY K. T.  
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RES. TEL. OCEAN 2336

March 28, 1946

William O. Tuckerman, Esq.  
Grand Recorder  
Grand Commandery  
51 Boylston Street  
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Dear Right Eminent Sir:

You recently returned to me Grand Commandery approval  
of By-Law change unanimously adopted by Boston Commandery at our  
Stated Conclave on Wednesday, February 20, 1946, viz:

"Moved to amend Article II Section I  
of the By-Laws of Boston Commandery by  
adding at the end of said section: That  
the Stated Conclave for the month of  
October Nineteen Hundred and Forty-six  
shall be held on the fourth Tuesday,  
October 22, 1946, instead of the third  
Wednesday. This amendment is effective  
for the year 1946 only."

Inasmuch as the approved By-Law was destroyed by fire  
with other papers in my desk, I am again submitting this change to  
you in triplicate, and will appreciate your sending me Grand  
Commandery approval.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

*Harold A. Budreau*  
Recorder

*Offered by Wm. Tuckerman, Chairman  
for Committee on Jurisprudence*

*Approved 4/17-46  
Grand Commandery K.T.  
Mass. & R.I.  
William O. Tuckerman  
Grand Recorder*



**Boston Commandery, K. T.**  
**Boston, Massachusetts**

HAROLD A. BUDREAU, RECORDER  
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**January 7, 1947**

**Dear Sir Knight:**

**At the Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery held on Wednesday, December 18, 1946, the following motion was made by Sir Knight Albert A. Gleason:**

**"Dear Commander:**

**It has been some years since the By-laws and list of members of Boston Commandery have been published. Besides, there have been some important amendments made during the past few years with which the members, particularly new members, should be thoroughly familiar. I therefore submit in writing the following**

**MOTION**

**That a Committee be appointed by the Commander to compile and correlate all By-Laws and Amendments thereto; making such changes and omitting such parts as may be covered, or superseded by the Grand Commandery Constitution, regulations and By-Laws, or the Constitution, rules and other controlling provisions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars, and submit to the Commandery its compiled and correlated draft of the By-Laws for action by the Commandery. The Commander to appoint and designate the member to constitute the Committee, with authority to substitute new or additional members of the Committee should an emergency or the judgment of the Commander require it.**

**This Committee shall also prepare a list of all members of the Commandery, giving the first and last names in full, with the initial of the middle names, if any; the date of their admission and their latest mailing address. This list to be printed with the new By-Laws when adopted and a copy of the By-Laws and the list of members to be mailed to each member of the Commandery. The number printed to be sufficient to include members who may reasonably be expected to join the Commandery during the next few years."**

**Eminent Commander Crowley has appointed the following Committee:**

**Honorary Chairman.....Sir Knight Albert A. Gleason**

**Permanent Chairman.....Sir Knight Robert G. Wilson, Jr., P.C.**

**Sir Knight Harold A. Budreau, P.C.**



1/7/47

Sir Knight Wallace E. Crowley, E.C.

Sir Knight Alfred C. Blake

Sir Knight Herman C. McStay

Sir Knight A. Burton Nelson

A copy of this letter is being mailed to each member of the Committee.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

Recorder